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Subject: So monopolies are legal.

It is my inexpert opinion that Microsoft is clearly a monopoly.

I believe Microsoft should not be allowed to continue their bullying dominance over computing, not just in the United States, but worldwide.

Microsoft's product line continues to expand into markets not related to their "core" business.
Xbox game consoles?
Microsoft Network?

Microsoft is a monopoly as far as the average IT person is concerned, regardless of what their massive legal team would have the media tell everyone to believe.

No matter where you go or what business you are in, as an IT person you are forced to endure their shoddy products. Everyone "demands" them, regardless of how much damage they do to the files or information they process.

The only way such massive influence could exist is through the undeniable fact that Microsoft, by hook or by crook, has become a computing monopoly.

No one company should have such complete control over such a fundamental cornerstone of modern business or society.

If the DoJ does not slow down the M\$ Juggernaut, and institute some real controls over what M\$ is or is not allowed to offer as products, then the effort has come to nothing.

Please, do not go easy on M\$.

Their influence is too pervasive in every aspect of computing to be allowed to continue unchecked.

Take appropriate action now.

What saddens me is that most of the DoJ documentation and email is probably prepared on and handled

by M\$ products, which makes me think the whole effort of writing was a waste in itself.

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"What do you need Windows for? If you want a workstation, call Sun.

If you want a PlayStation, call Sony." - Exile In Paradise

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